

A MONSTER AVIARY.

Something About the Largest Bird Cage That Has Ever Been Built.

California may well boast of its big trees, its waterfalls of the Yosemite and its mammoth fruit and vegetable products, but it has added another laurel to its crown in the possession of the largest aviary in the world. An hour's journey from San Francisco by water and rail brings one to the quiet little town of San Pablo, in Contra Costa county, and a short drive from there is the old and well known Alvarado Rancho, now owned by Henry F. Emeric. Over an area of 2,500 acres of fertile ground are scattered orchards and wheat fields that yield wonderful crops, and near the center of this domain is the old home of Mr. Emeric's father, now deceased.

It is a quaint structure, with shaded verandas, and its roof is robed with a mantle of pure white Castilian roses. Fronting the house are parterres of choice flowers of innumerable kinds, bright with color and as fragrant as the breeze wafted odors of Ceylon. There are, in fact, 310 varieties of roses alone to be seen, and in the conservatory there are rare orchids and other valuable plants.

Through the vista of weeping willows and peach and apple trees, heavily laden with Bellflowers and Winter Nellies, the aviary is seen. This feature of the place is an airy structure of closely netted wire, sustained at intervals of fifteen feet by wooden uprights, forming a perfect cage. It is 175 feet long and 60 feet wide. Within its confines is a miniature forest of quince trees, the tops of which emerge through the netting. This, in addition to a covert of thick brush, affords admirable shelter for the birds in summer, while in the winter they have the use of a large house that is in the cage for their protection against the elements. With commendable foresight Mr. Emeric has stocked this aviary with English pheasants and Chinese golden pheasants, and there are also hundreds of quail there, merely as a side issue.

Mr. Emeric estimates that he has over 400 pheasants, and he proposes to set loose 100 or more of them each year to run wild through the country, and will give many away to those who desire to propagate them. This will, of course, be of great benefit to all lovers of bird shooting, and besides will assist materially in increasing the number of what are now a rare species of fowl in this state. The pheasants are fed with wheat, and occasionally chopped liver is given to them. They are crossed with bantam hens, the result being game cocks that are as pugnacious as their imported sires; and the pheasant is notably a fighting bird. The golden pheasants are only fitted for an aviary, and occupy the position that a Savoy vase does in a drawing room.

Mr. Emeric has completed negotiations to have a large invoice of bobwhites sent to him from the east, and then he will increase the proportions of his aviary to three times its present size. This bird is similar to our California quail, only a little larger, and is better flavored. It is a great favorite with eastern hunters, and will be gladly welcomed by local sportsmen. The same course will be pursued with these birds as with the pheasants. The propagation of these valuable and interesting birds is a hobby with Mr. Emeric, an expensive one naturally, but one that he can afford, and his efforts should receive the earnest support of all those who are interested in the introduction of new birds on this coast.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Mrs. Stanley.

Mrs. Stanley is unlike any one I know; she is quite herself. In the first place, she is tall, much taller than American women grow as a rule, but she carries her inches well, and you would not suspect her height unless you stood by her. Her features are regular and are more striking in profile than in full face, and she has a quantity of dry brown hair that seems to be flying loosely about her head, though it is held well together with unseen pins. Her house gowns are what we call "aesthetic" for want of a better word. They, at least those that I saw, are made of soft clinging stuffs, and the collar, that lies flat about her neck, is made of the same material.

She is a bright conversationalist without trying to be, and a very enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Stanley. Nothing apparently makes her happier than to be doing something for him. She told me with great glee the other day that he found that she could answer some of his letters as well as he could himself. About her own work she is very modest, and yet there is no artist in all England who better depicts the life of children than she does.—New York Letter.

He Considered It a Compliment.

Pryor—Look here, Charlie, you must stop smoking those villainous cigarettes. They will soften your brain and—
Cholly—Thanks! Baw Jaw! A thousand thanks! You are dooed kind, Pwyor.

Pryor (as Cholly moves off)—Well, there's gratitude for you, Hawk. I actually believe the fellow's going to swear off.

Hawk—No, that wasn't it. You see, the poor chap has been told so often that he has no brain that he feels highly flattered by your concern.—Spirit.

An Exhausting Place.

Mistress—I am at a loss to understand your motive in leaving.

Bridget—The work is too harrud, num, and it's worn out I be entirely.

Mistress—Why, I have done most of it myself.

Bridget—Yes, but it's worn out I be hearing yez tell me of it.—Munsey's Weekly.

After the Proposal.

She—No, I can't marry you, Mr. Juvenile, but I'll act a mother's part toward you.

He—Mother's part! What do you mean—to ridicule me?

She—No; just what I say: I'm engaged to your father.—Kate Field's Washington.

Additional Local.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Hecker's court for the week ending July 28:
Estate of George W. Robinson, deceased. Receipts filed and order discharging executrix entered.
Estate of Jane Dunham, deceased. Hearing on petition for license to sell real estate. License granted.
Estate of Callista M. McCormick, deceased. Hearing on petition for appointment of administrator. Order entered appointing George McCormick.
Estate of Lovina Gardner, deceased. Warrant and inventory returned.
Estate of M. C. Conklin, deceased. Claim of Luke Conklin heard.
Estate of Jonathan Chevalier, deceased. August 24th next fixed for hearing claims.

The best and surest dye to color the beard brown or black, as may be desired, is Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers. It never fails.

New Suits.

Sophia Krogman vs. Henry Krogman; divorce.
Adelphia Fritz vs. Edwin E. Fritz; divorce.
Lelia R. Jones vs. David R. Jones; divorce.
The People vs. J. M. Longwell; violation of the liquor law.
The People vs. George H. Rix; violation of the liquor law.
The People vs. Wm. A. Palmer; violation of the liquor law.
The People vs. Zimri Warner; violation of the liquor law.
The People vs. Edward Messer; bastardy.

A train, to be known as the "Special Headquarters Train, Department of Michigan," will leave Decatur next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Lawton at 10:15, Mattawan at 10:30, Ostemo at 10:30, Kalamazoo at 10:50. A special on the K. & S. H. will connect with this train at Kalamazoo. The T. & S. H. will run a special train, leaving Covert at 7 a. m., to connect at Lawton with headquarters train.

A. W. Showman, wife and daughter, together with Mrs. Frank Stapleton, crossed the lake to Chicago last week, intending to spend a week or so among the many attractions of the great metropolis.

A prohibition mass convention is announced to be held at Lake Cora on Wednesday of next week.

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Diphtheria and Tonsillitis.

Diphtheria is a constitutional disease; it is in the blood, but it many times manifests itself locally in the throat. It often causes white spots to appear on the tonsils and even on other parts of the throat. But these white spots are far different in appearance from those seen in tonsillitis. A great number of persons are frightened as soon as they see white spots on the tonsils; but if there is no epidemic of diphtheria in the neighborhood do not, as a general thing, fear that the trouble is diphtheria. In nine cases out of ten it is tonsillitis.

A dangerous symptom in this case, however, is a bad sore throat without fever at the outset. I have seen the most fatal cases of diphtheria start in this way, and I dread such cases most of all. A troublesome sore throat before the fever comes on is suspicious, and needs a physician promptly. A fever, accompanied generally with coryza, but not always, followed by sore throat, is probably tonsillitis, and can be treated at home generally. We may get white spots in both cases. The white spots differ widely in the two diseases. In tonsillitis the white spots are merely dead cells that are broken down, disintegrated and are forced to the surface. They can be brushed away, but they are a trifling thing as compared with the spots in diphtheria.

Without going deeply into the subject of diphtheria at this time, I shall simply say that the spots in this disease are the appearance at the surface of the tonsils of a tenacious membrane. This membrane dips down into the surface of the tonsils, and if removed leaves a bleeding, ugly track behind it, which is later filled with another membrane just as tenacious.—A Physician in Boston Globe.

At Old Trinity.

Trinity college is the largest, and has between 700 and 800 students. I must write a word about the wife of the master of Trinity—Mrs. Butler, formerly Miss Ramsey. You remember perhaps that three years ago there was so much excitement because she was senior classic. The queen sent for her, and she was feted everywhere. She was the daughter of Sir George Ramsey, of Scotland, a fine classical scholar, and soon afterward married Dr. Butler. But you can hardly know what this means till you know the position of the master of Trinity. He is a king in Cambridge. He represents the hospitality of the whole university and has a salary commensurate to his duties. The queen has a suite of apartments at Trinity. The Prince of Wales, the prime minister, foreign ambassadors—all are received by the master and his wife.

You ask me about the college for women. It started in this way: About 1870 Miss Emily Davis, daughter of a Welsh clergyman, took a house at Doehing, forty miles from Cambridge, and married a few young ladies. She asked the university to send up teachers for instruction. They did so. She started without funds, but today a magnificent building, with imposing architecture, called "Girton college," situated at Girton, half a mile from Cambridge, proves the success of her movement.

Her motto is: "No double code. Same requirements for women as men, same studies, same degrees."—London Letter.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

At an adjourned term of the Van Buren county circuit court, held on Monday, July 27th, the following business was transacted:

Mary A. Tietz vs. Franklin E. Tietz; divorce. Decree granted.
William Foster vs. Elizabeth Foster; divorce. Decree granted.
Lincoln H. Titus was appointed public prosecutor during the absence of Mr. Annable.

Marriage Licenses.

No. 1036—George Cook, 28, of Allegan, and Edna Kelsey, 16, of Alma.

The shipment of peaches from the lake shore fruit belt commenced about a week ago. They are of good size and excellent flavor. We are sorry to learn, however, that there are growers so utterly destitute of principle as to attempt to put upon the market peaches affected with yellows, thus menacing the health, if not the lives, of the consumers. The yellows commissioners for South Haven a few days ago discovered such affected fruit in a consignment from that place and very promptly and properly threw them into the river. We are not informed whether or not the consignor was proceeded against, but he certainly should have been. The law on the subject is explicit, and recites that "it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any peach, almond, apricot, plum, prune, cherry or nectarine tree, infected with the contagious disease known as yellows, or black knot, or to offer for sale or shipment, or to sell or ship to others" etc. The penalty is a "fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or both, in the discretion of the court."

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Leave " "	9 50	11 50	7 30	9 30
" Lawrence.	10 10	12 10	7 50	9 50
" Lake Cora.	10 25	12 25	8 00	10 00
Arrive Paw Paw.	10 40	12 40	8 20	10 20
Leave Paw Paw.	6 00	10 45	2 20	9 00
Arrive Lawton.	6 15	11 00	2 35	9 15
GOING WEST.	2	4	6	8
STATIONS.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Lawton.	6 35	11 25	3 00	9 35
Arrive Paw Paw.	6 50	11 40	3 15	9 50
Leave " "	7 05	11 55	3 30	10 05
" Lake Cora.	7 20	12 10	3 45	10 20
" Lawrence.	7 40	12 30	4 05	10 40
Arrive Hartford.	7 55	12 45	4 20	10 55
Leave " "	8 10	1 00	4 35	11 10
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